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SUPPLY OF TELECOM EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cancelled the equipment supply orders of certain telecom equipment manufacturing foreign companies; and

(b) if so, the details of the said companies and the reasons for cancellation of orders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) & (b) Madam, in terms of amendments issued in December, 2009 in the Licence Agreements of all telecom service providers for security related concerns, the Licensee(s) have to apply to the Licensor for security clearance, along with the details of equipment(s) as well as details of equipment(s) suppliers and manufacturers including Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM), before placement of the final purchase order for procurement/upgradation of equipment/software for provisioning of telecommunications services under the licence and that it shall also include any such activity by the franchisee, agents or person of that licensees. In case, no response is received from the Licensor with in thirty working days, it shall be presumed that there is no objection to procurement. However, some of the proposals from service providers for procurement of equipment/software have been turned down due to security concerns in procurement from foreign vendors.